Director of Registration has already recommended the opening of a temporary Sub-registry office at Pattanakad as an experimental measure.

As regards the question of a Vaidyasala at Panavalli, that will be taken up when the Director of Ayurveda next draws up a programme of grant-in-aid vaidyasalas.

110. Needs of Vaikom.

MR. P. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Member, Vaikom taluk*) spoke on the following needs of Vaikom :—

A new road should be opened from Nereikadavu *via* Udayanapuram and Vaikaprayar to Vadayar bridge.

Another road should be opened from Udayanapuram to Chemmanakari.

The Vaikom-Vechur road should be completed soon.

The Kattampakal-Gnizhur road should be completed.

The Maravanthuruthu-Panjipalam road should be metalled and made a cart road.

The road from the Vaikom-Kizhakeinada to Vazhamana should be metalled and made a cart road.

The Mulakulam-Peruva road should be improved.

A new road should be opened from Talayolaparampu *via* Vellur to Mulakulam.

The Kaduthuruthi-Peruva road should be improved.

The Chullithodu, the Kaniyanthodu, and the Perunchilavanthodu should be improved.

Locks should be provided in the Valampally canal and the Irumpoozhikara-Karakal canal.

The English High School, Vaikom, should be shifted to the site near the back-waters acquired for the purpose.

An English girls' school should be built at Vaikom.

Bridges should be provided at the Murinjapuzha and Poothotta ferries.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Velappan Nair, I am in a position to tell you about some of these roads you mentioned. The others I do not refer to now; you had better bring them up before the new Roads Board.

As regards the completion of the Vaikom-Vechur road, an estimate for Rs. 9000 was sanctioned for the first section of the road and improvements are being carried out. What more is required will also be undertaken.

Then as regards the bridges, you mentioned an estimate has been prepared for about Rs. 17,000 or very nearly Rs. 18,000. That is very costly. Two more todus have to be bridged. The Chief Engineer is going through that question. He is also examining the question of the conversion of the Mammanthuruthi-Panjipalam road into a cart road,

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As regards the metalling of the road from Vaikom Kizhakkenada to Vazhamana, that is going to be an expensive matter. It will cost over Rs. 20,000 and I do not think that it can be undertaken this year. As regards the metalling of the Mulakulam to Peruva road and Kaduthuruthi road, that is also an expensive matter which cannot be undertaken this year. You will have an opportunity of bringing these before the Roads Board.

Estimates have been sanctioned for the Kaniyan todu and Chulli todu. The trouble is the land has not been handed over yet for the latter one. The work has been sanctioned, money has been provided, but the land has not been provided yet.

Member: It would be sufficient if the present one is deepened.

Dewan: You want roads and canals and then when the department has decided as to what improvement is necessary you sit in judgment and say "This is not the improvement that is required."

Then you want bridges at Murinjapuzha and Poothootta. These are going to be costly bridges and they must wait till more urgent requirements have been met. At present you have to remain content with what has been done.

The shifting of the Vaikom English School to a site near the backwater, that is also going to be a costly affair. It means the construction of a big building. Then you want a Girls' Middle School at Vaikom. I presume you mean an English Middle School because there is a Vernacular Middle School there already.

Member: Yes, Sir.

Dewan: I shall ask the Director to go into this question.

The Assembly adjourned at 4-5 P. M.

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